(c) The turn over of coal producing units of CIL during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 (Provisional) are given below:

(Rupees in crores)

Company	Gross Turnover of subsidiary companies of CIL	
	2004-05	2005-06*
ECL	3894.16	4714.37
BCCL	2884.10	3590.45
CCL	4043.73	4654.81
NCL	5103.98	5094.17
WCL	4504.73	4714.29
SECL	6544.52	7047.10
MCL	3578.98	3860.64
NEC	106.10	220.61
TOTAL:	30660.30	33896.44

*Provisional

Private investment in coal sector

†2717. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to allow the private sector for making capital investment in the coal sector;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) by when this decision is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) The coal mining is restricted mainly to public sector. By an amendment to the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act in 1976, two exceptions to policy were introduced *viz*, (i) captive mining by private

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

companies engaged in production of iron steel and (ii) sublease, for coal mining to private parties, if isolated small pockets not amenable to economic development and not requiring rail transport.

The Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act 1973 was further amended in 1993 thereby permitting industries engaged in power generation to mine coal for captive use. Then, companies engaged in cement production were permitted to undertake coal mining for captive use by a notification in 1996.

Sliding work force in coal sector

2718. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work force in coal industry is sliding gradually;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what has been the per employees production in coal industry during the last five years, year-wise;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The work force in coal industry is decreasing mainly due to superannuation and voluntary retirement scheme. Fresh recruitment is being done only under the provision of rehabilitation policy, National Coal Wage Agreement, and filling up of backlog vacancies of SC/ST.

(c) Production per employees *i.e.* output per man-shift (OMS) in coal India Ltd. during the last five years, year-wise is given below:

Year	OMS (Tones)
2001-02	2.45
2002-03	2.67
2003-04	2.82
2004-05	3.05
2005-06 (Prov.)	3.28